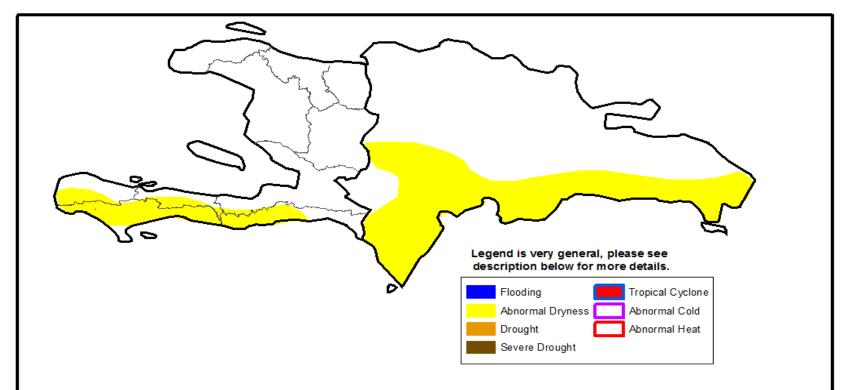


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 10 – July 16, 2014

• Prolonged dryness has worsened conditions on the ground over the southern parts of Hispaniola.



Insufficient rainfall has been observed over much of Hispaniola since the beginning of the May-August, first rainy season. The largest rainfall deficits were registered over the southern parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, where accumulated rainfall has accounted for only between 25-50 percent of the average since the beginning of May. During the past seven days, moderate to locally heavy showers fell over the northern half of Haiti and portions of western Dominican Republic. Little (< 10 mm) to no rains were, however, recorded elsewhere, sustaining ongoing negative rainfall anomalies. The persistent moisture deficits have already negatively impacted agricultural and hydrological activities over southern Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Recent vegetation indices showed degraded conditions across wide portions of southern Hispaniola. In the Dominican Republic, dams were at their lowest levels near the Greater Santo Domingo in the south, leading to water restriction according to the local water management agencies. During the next seven days, suppressed rains are again expected over much of Hispaniola, which are likely to increase moisture deficits and worsen ground conditions over many local areas. Isolated showers are possible over west-central and northeastern Dominican Republic.